Grace Brown to Chester Gillette

Woman's Simple Documents That Made a Criminal Case Famous and Virtually Sealed the Fate of a Murderer When Read to the Jury That Tried Him for His Life.

Herkimer, N. Y .- Printed below are | crazy. Be a good kid and God bless letters which, within the past few weeks, have become known almost from one end of the country to the other as "Grace Brown's letters." They need no introduction, save perhaps the statement that these are the letters which were read at the trial of Chester Gillette.

They formed the most remarkable feature of that case. The whole structure of the prosecuting attorney was documents which, it is safe to say, spelled his doom from the moment jury of 12 men. It is inconceivable that Giflette kept them for their pathos, or the gentleness of character which they revealed, for he is not the kind of a man to whom such things appeal. It is utterly improbable that he ever recognized in them a simple literary beauty, although such they do possess in an unusual degree—the more unusual when it is remembered that Grace Brown was a country girl of plain education, who had worked as a factory hand.

Yet somehow Gillette kept them. and the American public has come into I don't mean that, dear; you have the possession of one of the most reever appeared in a criminal case. As ter record of a tortured soul, they have already taken a place unique in the annals of real life tragedies. Here are the letters:

"I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN"

"But Somehow I Have Trusted You More Than Any One Else."

South Otselle, June 21st, 1906, Wednesday Night-My Dear Chester: I am just ready for bed and am so ill I could not help writing to you. Chester, I came home because

thought I could trust you. I don't

think now I will be here after next

Friday. This girl wrote me that you seemed to be having an awfully good time and she guessed that my coming home had done you good, as you had not seemed so cheerful in weeks. She also said that you spent most of your Now, Chester, she does not know districe Miss Hill and so did not write that because she knew it would make me feel badly, but just because she didn't think. I should have known, Chester, that you did not care for me. But somehow I have trusted you more than anyone else. Whenever the other girls have said hateral things to me of you I could not befleve them. You told me-even promised me-you would have nothing to do with her while I was gone.

Perhaps, Chester, you don't think or you can't help making me grieve, but I wish things were different. You may say you do, too, but you can't possibly wish so more than I. I have been very brave since I came home. but to-night I am very discouraged. Chester, if I could only die. I know how you feel about this affair and I wish for your sake you need not be troubled. If I die I hope you can then be happy. I hope I can die. The doctor says I will, and then you can do just as you like. I am not the least bit offended with you, only I am a little blue to-night and I feel this way.

I miss you. Oh, dear, you don't know how much I miss you. Honestly, dear, I am coming back next week unless you can come for me right away. I am so lonesome I can't stand Week ago to-night we were together. Don't you remember how I nearly all the time since I left Cortland. I am awfully blue.

wilkget this Monday some time. Now about crazy. I have been bidding you please write me Monday night and good by to some places to-day. There be sure and post it Tuesday morning are so many nooks, dear, and all of and then I will get it, or ought to, them so dear to me. I have lived here Wednesday morning. I just want to nearly all my life. see what the trouble is why I don't hear from you. I was telling mamma yesterday how you wrote and I never moss; then the apple tree where we got it, and she said: "Why, Billy, if had our playhouse; then the "Bee he wrote you would have received hive," a cute little house in the or

ter never lied to me, and I know he really deserved. If you were only here, dear,

a letter to me Tuesday morning I will like that. get it Tuesday night. Well, dear, If I came back dead, perhaps, if she

you. Lovingly,

THE KID. P. S .- I am crying.

"COME AND TAKE ME AWAY"

"There Isn't a Girl in the World as Miserable as I Am To-night." South Otselic, June 20th, 1906, Tuesday Night-My Dear Chester: I am

built upon them. It passes under- writing to tell you that I am coming standing why the murderer of the back to Cortland. I simply can't stay girl should have preserved a series of here any longer. Mamma worries and wonders why I cry so much, and I am just about sick. Please come and they were placed in the hands of a take me away some place, dear. came up home this morning and I just can't help crying all the time, just as I did Saturday night.

I can't stay here, dear, and please don't ask me to any longer. Do you miss me much? I am so lonesome without you. I don't know how I am going to manage about going to Uncle Charles'. I presume I will have to write you to meet me in Cincinnatus, now we don't know anyone there. Chester, there isn't a girl in the world as miserable as I am to-night, and you have made me feel so. Chester, always been awfully good to me, and markable series of documents that I know you will always be. You just won't be a coward, I know. My broth a revelation of character, as the writeers and sisters are at a social reception to-night, but they can't get over my crying.

I do wish you were here. I can't wait so long for letters, dear. You must write more often, please, and, dear, when you read my letters, if you think I am unreasonable, please do not mind it, but do think I am about crazy with grief and that I don't know just what to do. Please write to me, dear.

Lovingly, you know whom. South Otselle, June 19, 1906.

'THERE ARE SO MANY NOOKS'

"I Have Been Bidding Good-bye to Some Places To-day."

South Otselic, July 6, Thursday Night-My Dear Chester: If you take the 9:45 train from the Lehigh, there, on will get here about 11. I am sorry I could not go to Hamilton, dear, but papa and mamma did not want me to, and there are so many things I have had to work hard for in the last two weeks. They think I am just going out there to Deruyter for a visit. Now, dear, when I get there I will go at once to the hotel, and I don't think will see any of the people. If I do, and they ask me to come to the house, I will say something so they won't mistrust anything-tell them I have a friend coming from Cortland and that we were to meet there to go to a funeral or wedding in some town far ther along. Awfully stupid, but we were invited to come, and so I had to cut my vacation a little short and go. Will that be O. K., dear?

You must come in the morning, for

I have had to make you don't know

how many new plans since your last letter, in order to meet you Monday I dislike waiting until Monday, but now that I have to. I don't think it anything but fair that you should come up Monday morning. But, dear, you must see the necessity yourself of getting here and not making me wait If you dislike the idea of coming Monday morning and can get a train up there Sunday night, you would come up Sunday night and be there to mee me. Perhaps that would be the best way. All I care is that I don't want to wait there all day or half a day cried, dear? I have cried like that I think there is a train that leaves the Lehigh at six something Sunday night. I do not know what I would Now, dear, let me tell you. You do if you were not to come. I am

First I said good-by to the spring house with its great masses of green chard, and, of course all the neighbors She did not mean anything, but I that have mended my dresses from was mad, and said: "Mamma, Ches- little tot up to save me a threshing

"Oh, dear, you don't realize what all this means to me, I know I shall Don't you think I am awfully brave? never see any of them again, and am doing so much better than I mamma, great Heaven, how I do love thought I should. I think about mamma! I don't know what I will you, dear, all the time and wonder do without her. She is never cross what you are doing. I am so fright and she always helps me so much dear. Maude lins invited me Sometimes I think if I tell mammafor next Tuesday, but I don't but I can't. She has trouble enough think I can go. Oh, say, if you post as it is, and I couldn't break her heart

ay are calling me to dinner and I doesn't know, she won't be sngry with slop. Please write or 1 will be me, I will never be happy again, dear. If I should stay here and anything | Lovingly.



wish I could die. You will never | should happen I would always regret dear I miss you and want to see

and look for you Monday forenoon. Heaven bless you until then. Lovingly and with kisses,

P. S.—Please come up Sunday night,

'CAN'T YOU COME TO ME?"

'Chester, ! Need You More Than You Think I Do."

South Otselic, June 26, 1906, Monday Night-Dear Chester: I am much too ired to write a decent letter or even ollow the line, but I have been unive my letters to papa before I was lown. I should not have had it posted out it went long before I was awake. am very tired to-night, dear. I have been helping mamma sew to-day. My ister is making me a new white Peter and suit, and I do get so tired having fitted, and then there are other jed and tired. I never liked to have fresses fitted, and now it is ten times vorse. Oh! Chester, you will never mow how glad I shall be when this vorry is all over. I am making myself il over lt. Maybe there is no use to voery, but I do and I guess everyone loss. I am quite brave to-night, and always feel better after I write you, hester, to I hope you mind the hateal things I say and I hope you won't and tell me, dear, all about your comng. I am awfully afraid I can't go o Hamilton, Chester,

Papa can't take me and I am nervms about going alone. You see I yould have to ride quite a distance before I could take the train and then im getting awfully sensitive. If I you think it would be wise to come back there? Could you come to Dersyter and meet me? I have relatives here, but perhaps I could arrange it comehow. I was pleased yesterday morning. You know I have a lot of bed quilts-six, I guess-and I was usking mamma where they were and sying I wished I had a dozen, when my little sister said: "Just you and omeone elsa will not need so many." f course my face got crimson and a is so nice about fixing my dresses; he has them all up now in nice shape. on remember the white dress I wore

Chester, it would be very unwise.

know what you have made me suffer. It for your sake. You do not know papa as well as I do, and I would not you, but I wish I could die. I am go- like you to be disgraced here We ing to bed now, dear. Please come have both suffered enough and I and don't make me wait there. If would rather go away quietly. In a you had made plans for something measure I will suffer the more, but Sunday, you must come Monday morn- I will not complain if you will not get cross and will come for me. I must Please think, dear, that I had to give close. Write me Wednesday night, up a whole summer's pleasure and you dear, and tell me what you think surely will be brave enough to give about everything. Let's not leave all up one evening for me. I shall expect our plans until the last moment, and, above all, please write and say you forgive me for that letter I sent you this morning. I am sorry and if I were there I know you would say it would

"MY LITTLE SISTER CAME"

1 Told Her I Guessed My Fortune Was Pretty Well Told Now."

South Otselic, June 23d, 1906, Sunday Night-My Dear Chester: I was glad to hear from you and surprised as asy all day, and I can't go to sleep well. I thought you would rather because I am sorry I sent you such a have my letters affectionate, but yours nateful letter this morning, so I am was so businessifke that I have come toing to write and ask your forgive to the conclusion that you wish mine ness, dear. I was cross and wrote to be that way. I may tell you, hings I ought not to have written. I though, that I am not a business womim sorry, dear, and I shall never feel an, and so presume that these letters mite right about all this until you will not satisfy you any more than write and say you forgive me. I was the others did. I would not like to Il and did not realize what I was writ- have you think I was not glad to hear ng, and then this morning mamma from you, for I was very glad, but it was not the kind of letter I had hope: to get from you.

I think, pardon me, that I under stand my position and that it is cather unnecessary for you to be so frightfully frank in showing it to me. I encourage me?

You write as though I was the one to blame because the girls wouldn't Rohe slipped into sixth position with | Lightbody has not been heard from come. I invited them here because I thought I wouldn't be so lonesome. I am sure I cannot help it because aind my writing so much. Where do mamma is away. As to the financial on suppose we will be two weeks difficulty, I am the one who will be rom to night? I wish you would write most affected by that. You say "your trip." Won't it be your trip as well as mine? I understand how you feel about the affair. You consider me as something troublesome that you bothered with. You think if it wasn't for me you could do as you liked all summer and not be obliged to give up here is a long wait, and, Chester, I your position there. I know how you feel, but once in awhile you make me an't go up there what shall I do? Do see these things a great deal more plainly than ever.

Chester, I don't suppose you will ever know how I regret being all this trouble to you. I know you hate me, and I can't blame you one bit. My whole life is ruined, and in a measure yours is, too. Of course, it's worse for me than for you, but the world and you, too, may think I am the one to blame, but comehow I can't, just simply can't think that I am. Chester. I said No so many thmes, dear. Of he rest of the family roared. Mam- course, the world will not know that, but it's true all the same.

My little sister came up just a minute ago with her hands full of daisies and you cace asked me why I didn't and asked if I didn't want my fortune have a new yoke. Well, she has al- told. I told her I guessed it was nost made a new dress out of that. pretty well told now. I don't want am afraid the time will seem awfully you to mind this letter, for I am blue ong before I see you, Chester. I wish to-night and get so mad when the girls ou would always post your letters in write things about me. Your letter ne morning after you write them or was nice, and I was glad to get it. I e same night. They are a day later simply feel "out of sorts" to-night. | Nearly All of Americans Who Com-

pe if you walt until noon. Of When you are cross, just think I was I will be glad to get them, only am sick and can't help all this. If you were me, you couldn't help find-th! dear, I do get so blue, Chester. ing fault, I know. I don't dare think lease don't wait until the last of the how glad I will be to see you. If you wek before you come. Can't you come wrote me a letter like this I wouldn't at Athens last April more than a doc the first of the week? Chester, I need write in a long time, but I know you on have retired from active participaou more than you think I do. I really won't tease me in that way. You will tion in sport, and there are a few hink it will be impossible for me to just forget it and be your own dear more who ought to. stay here any longer than this week. self. You know I always am cross in I want to please you, but I think, the beginning. It was that way Sat sale retirement is that the mon who not have to take records. The profest ports that he won't return are not urday night, so don't be angry, dear.



World's Champions Second in Fielding

American League Official Averages Give Cleveland Lead There as in Batting.

ages issued by Secretary Robert B. Friend, second in the hurdles. McRoy. Cleveland led the league in Glover, Kerrigan, Schick, Valenfielding as well as as in batting, with tine, Sullivan, Mitckell and Queyrouze a mark of .966, while the White Sox are the other members of the team were there with .964.

the first basemen, although Sam Craw- occasionally be seen in a competition, ford, of Detroit, is the nominal leader. They can hardly be classed as athletes Jiggs fielded .988 in 154 games—a in training. truly remarkable record-while Crawford got .998 for 22 games.

the second sackers, having fielded 4980 in 32 games. Larry Lajole of Cleveland is second, with .973 for 130 games. Frank Isbell of the Sox finished in tenth place, with .949, with Gus Dunton fourteenth, with a mark

third basemen with .950 and George

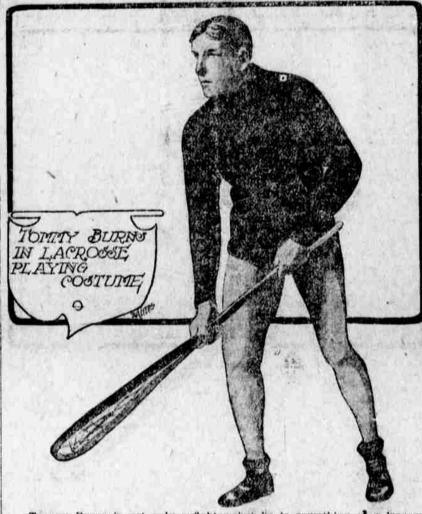
try and were supposed to be able to defend their titles for many years to

On the point winners at Athens those who are now out are Myer Prinstein, winner of the broad jump: Jim Lighthody, winner of the 1,500-meters and second man in the The world's champion White Sox 800-meters runs; Beb Leavitt, winner finished second in club fielding, ac- of the hurdle race; Fay Moulton, seccording to the American league aver- ond in the 10-meters dash; Hugo

who are now resting on the side lines, Jiggs Donobue is the real leader of and although one or two of these may

Big Dick Sheldon, first choice in the weights for the Olympic trip, announc-Shean of the Athletics is first among | ed his retirement the day before the team salled, and will never again be caught throwing the big weights around the lots.

Myer Prinatein has been forced to quit training on account of a rapidly increasing law business and can well afford to rest on the laurels he has Lee Tannehill was fourth among the gathered in the dozen years that he has been in the public eye.



Tommy Burns is not only a fighter, but he is something of a lacrosse can see my position as keenly as any player as well. Formerty be played with the champion Calt team of Ontario vaulter he has shown great athletic one, I think. You say you were sure and has been in games in Detroit and Portland. Ite plays a "home" position, prised, but you thought I would be either "inside" or "outside." Burns was born at Hanover, Out, and Ifyed in discouraged. I don't see why I should Canada during the greater part of his early life. Lacrosse is to the Canadian be discouraged. What words have I what baseball or football is to the Americans, and he began to play the game had from you since I came home to early. At 16 years of age he was a member of the Galt team in the Canadian league and was the youngest player in the organization,

> 20 games at that difficult corner without an error.

of New York and Pat Dougherty tied burden of hard training. but one point below.

Sullivan is fourth at .974 for 118 running track, games. Billy was the only backstop in the league who participated in over lete who does not think enough of the 160 contests. Hub Hart comes near sport to continue it after leaving colthe end of the list with .935.

staff, being tied with Leroy of the the hurdles over in future. Highlanders, neither man having made an error in 17 and 11 games, respectively. Frank Owen is the first of the

Many Olympic Athletes Ouitting Cinder Path

peted at Athens Last Spring Have Retired.

sented America at the Olympic games | time.

The surprising feature of this wholetheir respective events in the counto have the same privilege.

an average of .926. O'Brien of St. since his return from abroad, but it Louis had the great record of playing | would not be a surprise if he were to make his reappearance on the track this coming coring. The Westerner George Davis was the third man to has not yet reached the limits of his show in the shortstop division, and possibilities, and if he comes back to Tannehill came in fifth in that class. form will make it interesting for some Terry Turner of Cleveland led the di- of the Eastern stars in the half or mile at Jamestown next year. . Leavitt has had enough of compe-

ton are tied for the lead anions the tition, and now that he is out of coloutfielders at .988, while Willie Keeler lege and is not willing to take up the Moulton had retired long before the

O'Connor of St. Louis and Frank Athens trip and only took up his work Roth of the Sox are tied for the again at the earnest solicitation of the premier honors of the backstop dis powers that be in the Kansas City vision at the dizzy mark of ,990. Roth Athletic club, who wonted to be repremade only one error in the 15 games souted at the international game. It that he helped save during the terrible is a sure thing that Moulton will never fight near the end of the season. Billy aga'n be seen in competition on the

Hugo Friend is another college athlege, and as he is now in business Foxy Clark Griffith heads the twirling | there is little danger that he will kick

Glover, Kerrigan, Schiek and Mitchell are of the kind that love athletics for the fun that is in it, and while Sox twirlers to show with .978 for 42 they have declared themselves out, games, which puts him in fourth place. there is no telling when they may jump back into the game and surprise a few of the youngsters.

Howard Valentine, the star New York' A. C. half miler, is safely married, and han no more time for the attraction of the sinder path. Queyrouse, the New Orleans sprinter, who has announced that "Sandow" Mertes was left at the post in his heat at would not be a member of the 1907 Athens, may still be there for all that Cardinals and that Catcher Mike Of the team of athletes that repre- has been heard of him since that Grady would return. "Mertes is dis-

Want Coin, Not Records.

The amsteur horsemen, or at least hersen for purse and gate money and a hard worker last season and the rewere on the team were the best in global horsemen would doubtless like

George B. Dovey, the new owner the Boston Nationals, is a real fa He is likewise a player. Like every one else who ever played ball, Dovey feels that he is as good to-day as he ever was, and one day he laughingly told /Fren Tenney that if things go bad next summer he himself will don the uniform and get into the game. At that, Dovey isn't too old to play ball. He was born in 1862, but he doesn't look his age by any means. In his day, Dovey was a star player. He never entered the major league for the simple reason that he would never play professional ball. As an amateur Dovey was a wonder, and for three or four years the St. Louis and Louisville big league clubs tried hard to sign him. He was born near Philadelphia and attended school in that city. During his school days he played for nearly all the fast local amateur teams. In 1886 he broke into real baseball. He pitched and played shortstop for the Paducah club. He made Barney Dreyfuss secretary of the club and ever since then Dreyfuss has been prominent in the game. Up to 1890 Dovey was in the mining business, and in the summer time always found enough time to play a little ball. In 1890 be embarked in street raffronding, and has been at it ever since. Dovey bought the Boston club as a business investment. He didn't go there for his health; this he frankly admits. At the same time he is a real fan. He loves baseball, he knows most of the managers and players, and with the Boston Nationals under his care, Boston fundom may vest asspred that he will do his utmost to get together a fast club.

A Japanese is the champion sprinter of the world. Minorn Fujil, a student in the Imperial University of Tokio, is the man. Since the Russian-Japanese war Americans have come to look on the Yankees of the orient as a people, not only of promise, but of performance, and now it seems the little brown men-are about to take the laurels of the athletic field. Fuffi's record for 100 yards is 9 and 56-100 seconds; his time is considerably faster than the best time of Arthur Duffey, who ran .100 yards in 9 and 60-100 or 2-5 seconds, a record which has been stricken from the amateur record books because Duffey was a professional. The Japanese athlete ran really 100 meters, a distance equal to a little more than 10 yards, because the meter is the Japanese standard of measumement; his time for 100 meters was 10 and 24-100 seconds, the equivalent of 9 and 36-100 seconds for 100 yards. The remarkable performance of this modern mercury is certified to by Arata Hamao, L. D. D., president of the University. of Tokio, Fujii was timed by an electrical mechanism, which makes an error in timing the runner very unlikely. Mr. Fujii is a strongly built and well proportioned man. He is 25 years old, 5 feet 7% inches tall and weighs about 160 pounds. As a pole skill, vaulting with a bamboo pole over a cord, without touching the cord, at the height of 3.66 meters, or



12 feet and 94-100 inches. This vault won him the Japanese record. He also holds these records of the University of Tokio: 200 meters run (on turf), 25 and 74100 seconds; long jump, 5.92 meters; throwing the cricket ball, 93.98 meters. If Fujil visits the United States our athletes will' need to step lively.

President Stanley Robison of the St. Louis National league ball club satisfied with his berth here and Manager McCloskey does not want a dissatisfied player on the team, so we deem it best to rid ourselves of him." some of them, want to race their said President Robison. "Grady was true. He has promised to give Mc Closkey his best efforts."